

Children's Services Administration

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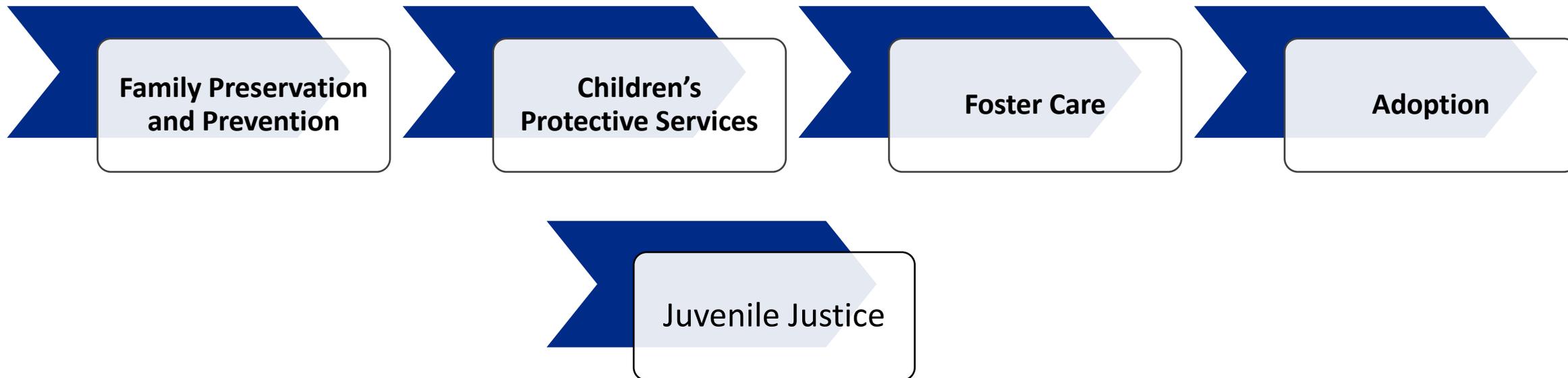


*Putting people first, with the goal of helping all
Michiganders lead healthier and more
productive lives, no matter their stage in life.*

Children's Services Administration Priorities



Child Welfare Continuum of Services



- New efforts to prevent children from coming into child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
 - Front-end redesign/prevention and family preservation.
- Children remain in home whenever safely possible.
- Court order is required for removal/placement into foster care and for reunification or termination of parental rights.
- Reunification with parent(s) is goal.
- If reunification is not possible, other options for permanency are explored.

— Prevention Indicators for Success

- Increase #/% of eligible families referred to prevention services
- Increase #/% of families referred enrolling in prevention services
- Reduce % of families with subsequent screen-in following referral
- Reduce any racial disproportionality across all metrics
- We have currently served over 2,200 youth with prevention services



Children's Protective Services (CPS)

- **Program Goal:** Investigate complaints of alleged child abuse and/or neglect; assess and ensure safety of children; provide families with resources and support when needed.
- **Timeframe:** CPS investigation is typically 30 days; in open cases, concerns are typically resolved within 6 months.
- **Referrals:** On Average 14,500 reports of suspected abuse and neglect are received every month.



Foster Care



The number of children in care has decreased significantly in the last 5 years, from a high of approximately 13,000 in 2018 to just over 10,000 children in care in FY22.



Permanency Goals for Children in Care

- Reunification (preferred)
- Adoption (requires termination of parental rights by the court)
- Guardianship
- Permanent Placement w/ Relative
- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
 - Permanent Arrangement w/ Foster Parent
 - Independent Living--Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care





Adoption and Post-Adoption Supports

- Program Goal: Ensure a safe, permanent, loving adoptive family for each child that becomes available for adoption.
- Approx. 2,800 children/year are legally free for adoption with the goal of adoption.
- Occurs through termination of parental rights.
- MDHHS contracts with 48 licensed adoption agencies.
- Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office
- Post Adoption Resource Center

Juvenile Justice Reform

Michigan Taskforce Recommendations

To align system policies and practices across diverse locales with what research shows works to improve community safety, reduce juvenile recidivism, and reduce system disparities.

Objectives

- Safely **reduce placement** in **detention** and residential placement and increase community placements.
- **Increase** the **safety** and **well-being** of youth impacted by the juvenile justice system.
- **Reduce** racial and ethnic **disparities** among youth impacted by the juvenile justice system.
- **Improve** the **efficiency** and **effectiveness** of the juvenile justice systems.
- **Increase accountability** and **transparency** within the juvenile justice system.
- Better **align practices** with **research** and constitutional mandates.

Investments

- Community-Based Diversion Services
- Case Practice Model
- Risk Assessment Screening
- Capital Improvements
- Increased Staffing
- Technology and Data Reporting

Investing in Juvenile Justice

Background

- The **Michigan Taskforce on Juvenile Justice Reform** was formed to provide recommendations to Michigan's juvenile justice system.
- **Raise the Age** legislation enacted in 2019 increased the age to 18 for juvenile court jurisdiction.
- **Bay Pines Center and Shawono Center** are state-operated secure facilities serving over 70 youth with complex trauma and the need for emotional/behavioral stabilization.
- The **Child Care Fund** —the primary statewide juvenile justice funding structure— does not provide **financial incentive** for youth **to remain in the community** given that community-based and residential placements are reimbursed at the same rate (50%).

Proposed Response

This proposal includes two recommendations for investments from the Michigan Taskforce on Juvenile Justice Reform:

- **\$1.3 million gross** (\$643,000 GF) for **12 FTEs** for **Bay Pines Center** and **Shawono Center** to align staffing ratios and expand capacity.
- **\$31.5 million gross/GF** increase in state support for community-based services and alternatives to residential detention.

Expected Impact

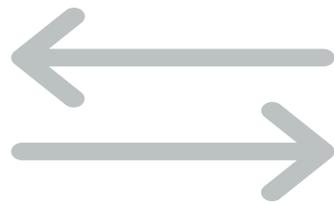
- Reduction in the use of seclusion and restraints and improvement in **behavioral management skills** for facility staff through the modification of current staffing ratios.
- Ensure all youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system have **access to** a continuum of **evidence-based services**.
- Provide **rehabilitation opportunities** in a safe, supportive, and respectful environment that honors the youth and family voice.

Placement Array Development

- Critical **shortage** of **available placements nationwide** fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Children's **needs** are **greater** than ever.
 - Recruiting new foster families has been difficult, in part because of the **low rates paid** to foster families.
- Efforts to address the **placement crisis** is an **ongoing priority**.



Therapeutic Short-Term Treatment



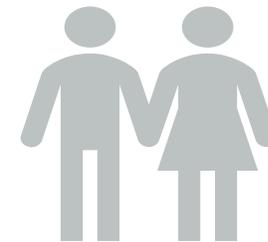
Transitional Placement Program Expansion



Community Reintegration Homes



Enhanced Treatment Foster Care



Expanding Relative and Kinship Efforts



Child Caring Institution Investments

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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